

In the Claims

The following listing of the claims replaces all previous listings of the claims.

1. (Currently Amended) A corner block for use in a retaining wall, the corner block comprising:

a block body having opposed side surfaces, opposed end surfaces, a top surface and a bottom surface, at least ~~two of said surfaces that are adjacent~~ one of said side surfaces and one of said end surfaces being textured; and

a channel formed in said top surface for receiving a portion of an elongated retaining member, said channel having a longitudinal axis extending parallel to said side surfaces, said channel further including an open end that extends through one of said end surfaces and a closed end that terminates short of the opposite said end surface, and said channel being defined by at least a front wall, a rear wall opposite the front wall, and a bottom wall, and wherein said channel is sized to receive therein ~~a the~~ the portion of ~~an the~~ the elongated retaining member extending parallel to the longitudinal axis of said channel with no portion of the elongated retaining member projecting above said top surface.

2. (Currently Amended) A corner block according to claim 1, wherein said front and rear walls of said channel diverge ~~away from each other~~ from the bottom of said channel to the top of said channel, whereby said channel has an increasing width from bottom to top.

3. (Original) A corner block according to claim 1, wherein said channel has a depth adjacent said rear wall that is greater than a depth of said channel adjacent said front wall.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) A wall structure having an exterior corner constructed from a plurality of corner blocks of claim 1.

6. (Currently Amended) A retaining wall, comprising:
a plurality of blocks arranged into courses and ~~defining~~ including an exterior corner, a plurality of the blocks in one course having a first height, and wherein ~~at least the one course at~~ the exterior corner is formed from a plurality of subcourses of blocks, and the blocks in each subcourse each have a second height that is less than the first height.

7. (Original) A retaining wall according to claim 6, wherein the plurality of subcourses comprises first and second subcourses.

8. (Original) A retaining wall according to claim 6, wherein each said course at the exterior corner is formed from a plurality of subcourses of blocks.

9. (Currently Amended) A retaining wall according to claim 8, wherein the plurality of subcourses that form each course at the exterior corner have a combined height that is substantially equal to the first height ~~of the remainder of the course to which the subcourses belong~~.

10. (Currently Amended) A retaining wall, comprising:
a plurality of courses each comprising a first plurality of blocks forming an exterior corner portion and a second plurality of blocks forming a wall portion adjacent the exterior corner portion, each block of said first plurality of blocks and said second plurality of blocks including a channel formed in a top surface thereof;

wherein in a first said course said second plurality of blocks each have a height that is greater than a height of each of said first plurality of blocks; and

a reinforcement member retaining bar disposed within the channels in said second plurality of blocks, and at least a portion of said retaining bar being disposed within the channel of at least one block of the first plurality of blocks.

11. (Original) A retaining wall according to claim 10, further including a reinforcement member secured to said second plurality of blocks by said retaining bar, said reinforcement member extending into said channels of said second plurality of blocks.

12. (Original) A retaining wall according to claim 10, wherein the channels of said second plurality of blocks are aligned with the channel of the one block of said first plurality of blocks.

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13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A retaining wall according to claim [[13]] 10, wherein the first plurality of said blocks in said first course subcourses comprises first and second subcourses, and the combined height of said first and second subcourses substantially equals the height of the blocks of the second plurality of blocks.
